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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chuck Snodgrass, House Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee staff, Jim Fellenbaum and  
Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee  
staff, re 7 June 1978 Presidential Finding

1. ☐ I accompanied ☐ C/CAS/DDO, and ☐  
☐ CAS/DDO, to a briefing of Chuck Snodgrass, and a briefing  
of Jim Fellenbaum and Guy McConnell on the 7 June 1978 Presidential  
finding.

2. ☐ We showed Chuck Snodgrass the finding, which he read.  
We explained to him that the finding covered the current programs under-  
way and also some minor additions not previously reported as covert  
action. We explained the stay-behind apparatus, the terrorism pro-  
vision with respect to routine matters vs. separate initiatives, and the  
infrastructure with respect to routine vs. major initiatives. Chuck  
Snodgrass said he thought the Committee would have no problems  
with the activities covered by the finding and that the Committee  
would probably not want the DCI to brief it on the finding.

3. ☐ With Jim Fellenbaum and Guy McConnell, it was explained  
that the new finding was merely an update to give current authority to all  
covert action activity now underway with some new minor activities being  
added, which were also explained. The stay-behind program was covered,  
as were the portions dealing with terrorism and the infrastructure. The  
difference between domestic and international terrorism was mentioned  
as was the difference between routine activities which could be taken  
under the finding vs. major new initiatives. The perspective system  
was explained briefly. Also, the paramilitary portion of the finding

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was explained as merely a contingency capability. It was also mentioned that the [redacted] programs were of a continuing nature and may require reserve releases in the future, however, the Committee would be notified if any new releases were necessary.



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